CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended): A protein hydrolysate which is rich in tripeptides whereby the tripeptides are rich in proline at one end thereof ~~of the peptide~~.

2. (currently amended): **[[~~A~~]]** The protein hydrolysate ~~according to~~ of claim 1 wherein at least 20 molar %~~, preferably at least 25 molar %, or more preferably at least 30 molar %~~ of ~~the~~ peptides having a molecular weight of 200 to 2000 Da is present in the hydrolysate as tripeptides.

3. (currently amended): **[[~~A~~]]** The protein hydrolysate ~~according to~~ of claim 1 **[[~~or 2~~]]** wherein ~~preferably~~ at least 20%~~, preferably at least 30%, or more preferably at least 40%~~ of the proline present in a ~~the~~ starting protein that forms the protein hydrolysate is present in the tripeptides.

4. (currently amended): **[[~~A~~]]** The protein hydrolysate ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 3~~ of claim 1 wherein at least 30% of the tripeptides~~, or preferably at least 35% of the tripeptides,~~ have a carboxy terminal proline.

5. (currently amended): **[[~~A~~]]** The protein hydrolysate ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 4~~ of claim 1 wherein at least 70 molar % of ~~the~~ peptides present in the hydrolysate~~, or preferably at least 75 molar % of the peptides~~ contain 2 to 7 amino acid residues (dipeptide to heptapeptide).

6. (currently amended): A method of producing a protein hydrolysate~~, the method~~ comprising

contacting a protein substrate with:

a) endoprotease; and

b) tripeptidase (TPAP).

7. (currently amended): **[[~~A~~]]** The method ~~according to~~ of claim 6 wherein ~~whereby~~ the endoprotease is a proline specific endoprotease (PSE), a serine protease, an aspartic protease or a metalloendoprotease~~, preferably the endoprotease is a PSE~~.

8. (currently amended): **[[~~A~~]]** The method ~~according to~~ of claim 6 **[[~~or 7~~]]** wherein ~~whereby~~ the protein substrate is first contacted with serine protease, aspartic protease or metalloendoprotease and subsequently the TPAP and optionally PSE is added.

9. (currently amended): **[[~~Use~~]]** A method of using the protein hydrolysate ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 5~~ of claim 1 comprising

consuming the hydrolysate wherein a mammal performs the consuming step ~~for mammalian, preferably human, consumption~~.

10. (original): An enzyme composition comprising

(a) an endoprotease and

(b) a tripeptidase (TPAP).

11. (currently amended): **[[~~An~~]]** The enzyme composition ~~according to~~ of claim 10 wherein the endoprotease is a serine protease, an aspartic protease, a metalloendoprotease or a proline specific endoprotease (PSE)~~, preferably the endoprotease is a PSE~~.

12. (currently amended): **[[~~An~~]]** The enzyme composition ~~according to claims 10 or 11~~ of claim 10 whereby this composition when added to a suitable protein is able to produce a protein hydrolysate of ~~any one of the claims 1 to 5~~ which is rich in tripeptides whereby the tripeptides are rich in proline at one end thereof.

13. (currently amended): A food or feed product comprising a hydrolysate of ~~anyone of claim 1 to 5~~ claim 1.

14. (currently amended): ~~The use of an~~ A method of reducing the intolerance to proline rich food stuffs comprising incubating a protein substrate found in proline rich food stuffs with the enzyme composition ~~according to anyone of claims 10 to 12~~ of claim 10 ~~to reduce the intolerance to proline rich food stuffs~~ wherein the intolerance of the incubated protein substrate is reduced in comparison to the protein substrate that has not been incubated.

15. (currently amended): ~~The use of an~~ A method of producing food or feed comprising

incubating a protein substrate with the enzyme composition ~~according to anyone of claims 10 to 12~~ of claim 10 ~~in food or feed or in/the production of food or feed~~; and

producing food or feed from the incubated protein substrate.

16. (new): The protein hydrolysate of claim 2 wherein at least 25 molar % of the peptides having a molecular weight of 200 to 2000 Da is present in the hydrolysate as tripeptides.

17. (new): The protein hydrolysate of claim 16 wherein at least 30 molar % of the peptides having a molecular weight of 200 to 2000 Da is present in the hydrolysate as tripeptides.

18. (new): The protein hydrolysate of claim 3 wherein at least 30% of the proline present in the starting protein is present in the tripeptides.

19. (new): The protein hydrolysate of claim 18 wherein at least 40% of the proline present in the starting protein is present in the tripeptides.

20. (new): The protein hydrolysate of claim 4 wherein at least 35% of the tripeptides have a carboxy terminal proline.

21. (new): The protein hydrolysate of claim 5 wherein at least 75 molar % of the peptides contain 2 to 7 amino acid residues (dipeptide to heptapeptide).

22. (new): The method of claim 7 wherein the endoprotease is PSE.

23. (new): The method of claim 9 wherein the mammal is a human.

24. (new): The enzyme composition of claim 11 wherein the endoprotease is PSE.